



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 1027***

*January Session, 2001*

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE REVOLVING LOAN  
FUND AND A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY REGISTRY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-674 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) No loan made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be  
4 in an amount in excess of four thousand dollars or for a term of more  
5 than two years. Each such loan shall be repaid in monthly installments  
6 and shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the department,  
7 but not to exceed six per cent per year. The department [shall] may  
8 assess a penalty [of] not to exceed five per cent of [the amount of any  
9 monthly payment for any such payment which remains unpaid fifteen  
10 days after the due date of such payment and may assess such interest  
11 on such late payments as specified in a loan agreement] any amounts  
12 that are delinquent or past due for more than six months. Amounts  
13 received in repayment of a loan made under this section shall be  
14 applied first to the current monthly installment due, then to any  
15 interest due, then to the principal of the oldest outstanding loan. Such  
16 loan terms, interest requirements and penalty provisions shall be  
17 included in each loan agreement and in any contract for the  
18 administration of the program made pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
19 section. Each loan agreement shall specify that the recipient shall use  
20 such loan in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Secretary of

21 the Department of Health and Human Services of the federal  
22 government pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 100-690 for  
23 such loans.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) The Department of Public Health shall establish a  
25 registry of data on traumatic brain injury patients. Each hospital, as  
26 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, shall make available  
27 to the registry such data concerning each traumatic brain injury patient  
28 admitted to such hospital as the Commissioner of Public Health shall  
29 require by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54 of the  
30 general statutes. The data contained in such registry may be used by  
31 the department and authorized researchers as specified in such  
32 regulations, provided no personally identifiable information  
33 concerning any such traumatic brain injury patient may be disclosed  
34 by the registry without the written consent of such patient or a person  
35 authorized by law to consent on behalf of such patient. The data  
36 contained in the registry shall not be subject to disclosure under the  
37 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general  
38 statutes. The commissioner may enter into a contract with a nonprofit  
39 association in this state concerned with the prevention and treatment  
40 of brain injuries to provide for the implementation and administration  
41 of the registry established pursuant to this section.

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